

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	861		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	3 JUL 2017
Casualty Estimate	2-4 killed		
Incident Date	27 JAN 2017		
Location	Baza'a town, Aleppo governorate, Syria IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>January 27th 2017: بزازة Baza'a town, Aleppo governorate, Syria Summary: Up to four civilians were killed in alleged Coalition or Turkish airstrikes, according to sources. The Syrian Network noted that "four civilians (2 children and their parents) died when International Coalition warplanes missiles fired on Baza'a city in Aleppo governorate eastern suburbs." However according to Ara News, "A statement issued by the Presidency of the Turkish General Staff said on Friday 'Fighter jets belonging to the Turkish Air Force were able during the raids carried out on Thursday to neutralize 22 terrorists and destroy 272 objectives in al Bab city and the town of Baza'a in northern Syria, including 21 shelters for ISIL, a centralized command and an ammunition store'." The Syrian Observatory also blamed Ankara: "A child and a woman were martyred in Turkish raids on Baza'a and in Turkish artillery on al Bab." Civilians reported killed: 2-4, including 1-2 children and 1 woman Civilians reported injured: Sources: Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived], Ara News [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (1) [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (2) [Archived] Quality of Reporting: Contested Turkey</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. YES AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</p>		

	<p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES. I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. No strikes IVO Baza'a between 25-27 JAN 2017. See "AW Allegation #87 JAN'17.ppt".</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No strikes in the location and timeframe alleged.
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p align="center">(b)(3), 10 USC 130b; (b)(5)</p>

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